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Examiner: Nguyen, K.

Title: ELECTROCONDUCTIVE POWDER AND METHOD
FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF

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Sir:

The applicant hereby submits this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) with attached PTO Form 1449 listing the enclosed documents.

In the Office Action issued in the present application on May 17, 2007, a provisional obvious type double patenting rejection was made in view of US 10/565,297 (US '297). Of the enclosed documents in this IDS, WO 2005/012449 and EP 1 647 583 A1 (EP '583) are counterpart applications to US '297. EP 1 600 484 A1 and EP 1 647 997 A1 were cited references before the European Patent Office with respect to EP '583.

The applicant encloses herewith payment of the fee prescribed under 37 CFR 1.97(c) and 1.17(p).

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Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited along with an early action on the merits.

Entry of this IDS and favorable consideration of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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